

I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. - Voltaire

Brian Hill Promoted

Up the French Creek

By MATT CARCELLA
Staff Reporter

Flowing from Chautauqua County, N.Y., into the Allegheny River in Franklin, the French Creek and its watershed (the area drained by French Creek) affects thousands of people in New York and Pennsylvania. Nestled on the third floor of the Campus Center, the French Creek project, under the direction of alum Brian Hill '81, is a nationally award winning program.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) recently named Hill senior vice president of watersheds. PEC is a 30-year-old statewide nonprofit organization that works to enhance the Commonwealth's natural and built environments through advocacy, education and community and regional action projects.

According to PEC President and CEO Andrew McElwaine, "Brian has been instrumental in PEC's many successes in western Pennsylvania over the years, and I'm confident that he will shine in his new role."

Prior to Hill becoming the director of the French Creek project in 1995, he served as director of the PEC's western Pennsylvania Office for six years. In Pittsburgh, Hill was responsible for legislative and regulatory analysis for the Council as well as for developing educational materials and programs. Before moving to Pittsburgh, Hill served as the Council's director of research and education in Philadelphia.

Hill is the past chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP) and is a member of DEP's Environmental Quality Board. He also serves on a special advisory board to GPU on Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy and served on former Governor Ridge's 21st Century Environment Commission. Locally, Hill is a councilman for Meadville.

The French Creek Project, a PEC project that has partnerships with numerous governmental agencies, schools, landowners, farmers and business leaders, is working to protect one of the state's premiere streams, the French Creek. PEC, Allegheny College, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy sponsor the project's grassroots efforts.

These efforts include school programs to every fourth grade student in the French Creek's watershed, which encompasses 1,200 square miles. The students are educated about the history of the creek, the impact it has on the area and the efforts they are being taken to protect it.

An Outdoor Learning Center in Vernon Township hosts numerous educational and interpretive programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade as well as adults and educators. The Center is located on a 170-acre former brownfield adjacent to French Creek. To date, over 6,000 people have visited the Outdoor Learning Center.

Numerous farmers and landowners along French Creek work with the Project to reduce the amount of toxins in the creek and to learn new methods in soil and water conservation.

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TOP OF THE HILL



CLIMBING—Brian Hill was recently promoted as the senior vice president of watersheds for the French Creek Project.

—photo by Nory Sams, Photography Editor

Former Student Nabbed in New York

By EMILY MACEL
News Editor

A former Allegheny student, suspected of at least three armed robberies, paid the campus a visit on Monday, Jan. 28. His companions were a stolen 1999 silver Nissan Maxima and a sawed-off shotgun, as he apparently looked for a safe haven for the night, police said.

Brandon R. Kennedy, originally from Altoona, attended Allegheny in the fall of 1998 and the spring of 1999, his freshman year, according to the registrar's office.

In the car, allegedly stolen from Morgantown, W.Va., Kennedy sat with his lights on in the parking lot between Ravine and Edwards. Kennedy was a resident of Ravine during his year at Allegheny, students said.

The lights aroused the suspicion

of Gerald Bey, the campus officer on duty, because he couldn't see anyone in the car. As he approached, he found the suspect, who appeared to be in his 20s.

"He may still have friends or contacts at Allegheny. We assume that's why he was parked in the parking lot — looking for a safe place to spend the night," said Meadville Chief of Police Dan Acker. As Bey asked for a driver's license and registration, he noticed a sawed-off shotgun on the passenger's seat and stepped back from the car, allowing it to speed away, but not without getting a license plate number, Acker said.

This was apparently not the first or last attempt Kennedy made to get away, police said. In Morgantown, he allegedly threatened a man at gunpoint at a gas station lot, and drove off in the Maxima. The man

reported his car stolen to West Virginia authorities. Reasons for the crime are unknown, but according to Senior Trooper Rob Garrison, Kennedy "just came down to check out the university and snagged a car while he was here. The victim in the car jacking was in the wrong place at the wrong time." West Virginia University is in Morgantown.

It wasn't until a week later, Jan. 29, that the New York City Police Department recovered the missing Maxima in the 13th precinct of lower Manhattan and reported it to him, Garrison said.

Police pulled Kennedy over because he was weaving through busy Manhattan streets, a traffic violation. Apparently assuming that he was being stopped because of the stolen vehicle, Kennedy got out of the car, threw his hands up and the officer questioned him, police said.

Stammering, with no registration, Kennedy told police the car belonged to his cousin. The officer ran the car's license plate, found that the car had been stolen from West Virginia and then turned to see suspect Kennedy run away, police said.

Tackled to the ground, Kennedy was taken into custody, and is being held in New York City. Police searched the car and found a shotgun and Kennedy was arrested on suspi-

cion of auto theft and robbery.

Once in custody, his background check was sent from West Virginia, along with a warrant for two armed bank robberies. With the FBI now involved, the decision must be made whether the federal crime and state crime cases can be incorporated into one case, Garrison said.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, remembersce

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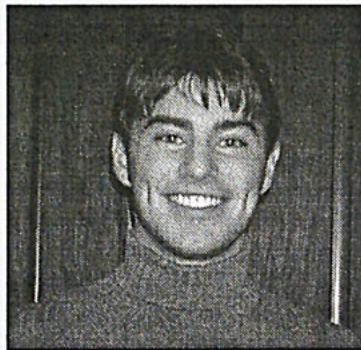
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"Do you own credit cards?"

—compiled by Nory Sams, Photography Editor

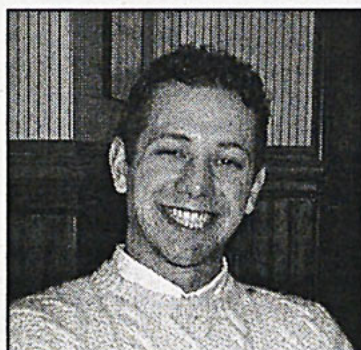


"Yes I do because then I can order from my favorite stores that are not available in Meadville."

—John Hreha, '03

"Yes I do have credit cards, basically for emergencies because some places around here don't take out of state checks."

—Heidi Gingerich, '04



"Yes I do have credit cards. They make me happy."

—Andy Devincentis, '04

"No, I'm not responsible enough to have credit cards."

—Kevin Obersheimer, '05



CRIME BLOTTER

•On Feb. 1st at 12:31 a.m. a trespassing incident occurred on Loomis Street. A vacant college-owned house was entered and damaged. Security has no suspects.

•On Feb. 2nd at 1:45 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred in the vicinity of Highland Ave. and East College St. The student involved will be referred to Residence Life.

•On Feb. 2nd at 2:30 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred in the vicinity of College Court. Three non-students ages 18 and 19 were arrested by Security. The three individuals had arrested the same three people the evening before for breaking into parked cars downtown. No vehicle break-ins have been reported at Allegheny College.

•On Feb. 3rd at 1:03 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred in the vicinity of Quigley Hall. Security cited the student, who will be referred to Residence Life.

•On Feb. 3rd at 1:55 a.m. a false fire alarm incident occurred. A pull box in Quigley Hall was activated. Security has no suspects.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

•Students wishing to take courses at another school during the summer should have the courses approved for transfer credit prior to taking them. Please use the following guidelines:

1. Obtain a course description of the course you plan to take
2. Obtain a transfer credit approval form from the Dean of the College office, Bentley 117
3. Take the description and approval form to the chairperson of the department, into which you want to transfer the course, for his/her signature and authorization
4. Take the approval form to your advisor for his/her signature
5. Return the completed form to the Dean of the College office, Bentley 117

•Expect to be astonished! Allegheny's Centerstage Series will present a performance by the hip-hop dance company Rennie Harris Puremovement on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Shafer Auditorium. Tickets are available beginning Monday, February 4 at the Allegheny Office of Events. This company incorporates hip-hop, break dancing and tap, using movement to weave stories with universal themes.

The dance company will offer a repertory program that features its

classic standards, like "Students of and "P-Funk," in which dancers are "funkdified" into a dazzling display of jubilation. Tickets: \$8 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens and children age 17 and under; \$4 for Allegheny students. For more information, contact the Office of Events at (814) 332-3101

•Dr. Rhonda Matthews, director of diversity affairs, will present a lunchtime lecture titled "Do You Want to Know What Goes On? African Americans and Hip Hop Imagery" on Wednesday, February 13 at noon in the Cultural Center (Campus Center, 3rd floor). Sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Black Culture, this lecture will examine the lyrics of hip-hop music. Food will be provided. This is a Black Heritage Month event.

•Award-winning pianist Alec Chien will give a solo recital in honor of Dr. Pete Scibetta of Erie, Pa., on Friday, February 15 at 7 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. A 1952 graduate of Allegheny, Scibetta is an avid classical piano connoisseur who has given many years of dedicated service as an Allegheny trustee. The concert program will include performances of the works of Schumann,

Zemlinsky, Strauss and Schubert. For more information, contact the Allegheny music department at (814) 332-3356

•Miss Crawford County Kelly Frampton will give a presentation titled "Why You Should Adopt a Grandparent: The Lasting Bonds of Friendship with Seniors" on Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Schultz Hall East Alcove. All are welcome to attend to find out how to get involved with the Adopt-A-Grandparent program. If you have questions, please contact Gail Minichiello at 332-5318 or gminichi@allegheny.edu.

•The next meeting of the Issues in the Developing World Study Group will be held on Monday, February 11 in Quigley Hall Room 124 from 12:25 to 1:20 p.m. The group will discuss a short article on the West Bank-Gaza Economy, and how occupation and the "peace plan" have caused it to deteriorate. A copy of the article can be picked up in Quigley Hall Room 107. For more information, contact Laura Quinn (lquinn@allegheny.edu), Shannan Mattiace (smattiac@allegheny.edu) or Steve Onyeiwu (sonyeiwu@allegheny.edu).

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Credit Cards Crowd College Mail Boxes

By DANIELLE DAGER
Staff Reporter

Students walk to their post office boxes, hoping for a piece of snail mail to cheer them up. They see an envelope through the little window and for a minute they get excited. They open their box, pull it out, and low and behold- another credit card application. They sigh, toss it into the trashcan and hope they'll get something better tomorrow.

Credit card companies have been targeting unsuspecting college students more and more since the 1980s. And the amount of junk mail seems to just get worse and worse.

"The annoying part about all that junk mail is that we just get trays and trays full of things that don't have any mailbox numbers on them," said

Melissa Wybiral, manager of the campus post office. "The envelopes only have a name on them so we have to look up everyone's name and figure out which mailbox it belongs in. They don't update their mailing lists so we get junk for students who went here years ago."

Post-college debt is at an all time high. Telemarketers pressure students into signing up for a credit card by offering tempting deals. They offer an easy way out of already existing debt by telling students that they can pay it off little by little. This adds up to more debt because the company charges an interest fee for not paying a bill off all at once.

More and more college students are going back to live with their parents after graduation because they find themselves succumbing to these

tempting offers.

It also seems like telemarketers have no qualms about calling a student numerous times to pressure them into signing up for a credit card. "I hate when they call you at nine in the morning and wake you up," junior Jeremy Trombley said. "I just hang up on them."

Even though telemarketers may be hung up on, they still convince some students to sign up for a credit card, even if they didn't sign anything. Feeling pressured to answer a survey over the phone can lead a student into receiving a credit card that they didn't know they were getting.

In fact, credit cards are so accessible to college students that they don't realize how easy it is to fall into enormous amounts of debt within a little time. "I get credit card junk

mail all the time," junior Rebecca Zimmerman said. "I don't like getting them because I'm afraid that I'll sign up for one. I'm in so much debt, that another credit card seems to be the easiest way out. I can pay off my debts with another credit card."

Zimmerman also said that having some self-control when it comes to credit cards is a good idea. "I know that it's better to hold back from using a credit card, but when you have one, you use it for little things and that can get you in a lot of trouble."

Juliette Fairley, the author of *Money Rules* suggests a few ways to avoid racking up credit card debts. She advises if you have to have a credit card, set a limit for yourself. A credit card company may give students \$3,000 in credit, but limit themselves to around \$500 and get a

job.

If students work in college, they're much more likely to know the value of a dollar and they'll be less tempted to spend it all when they know they worked so hard for it.

Students should make sure they monitor what they spend. Phone bills and food add up the most in the life of a college student. Fairley suggests looking into a phone company that offers free cell phone minutes to college students.

Another suggestion offered is to go to the ATM only once a week and trying to take out about \$40 for the week and make it last the entire week. She said students will be amazed at how much money you don't spend when they don't have it with them.

Sisters Locked Out of Sorority Suites

By KARA MEAD
Staff Reporter

Traditionally, becoming a member of a sorority at Allegheny meant, among other things, gaining the privilege of unlimited access to your particular chapter's suite. Beginning this semester, however, that is no longer the case. A new change in protocol and locks has resulted in only a limited number of keys being issued to each sisterhood.

Each of the College's four sororities, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Alpha

ASG in the News

Survey Says: Campus Improvements

By JULIE BELFOURE
Staff Reporter

The Allegheny Student Government (ASG) has recently taken steps to make improvements on campus for students, which started with a campus-wide survey at the beginning of the year and left ASG with several projects to pursue.

For the fall semester, the first-year ASG students investigated the possibility of placing change machines in all laundry rooms, as well as accessibility to the Warner Brother's (WB) channel, which hosts in-demand shows like "Dawson's Creek."

Interest in a campus pub also proved to be a top priority among students, but the ASG sophomore class discovered why this would ultimately not be possible. In correspondence with the Pennsylvania Liquor Commission, ASG found that obtaining a liquor license would be difficult, and resultantly placed this project out of their jurisdiction.

ASG juniors concentrated on communication with Sodexo Dining Services in order to make improvements in McKinley's and the

Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma pay rent to the college for the use and upkeep of a suite located on the fourth floor of Brooks Hall. The suites include a living room type area, as well as a smaller kitchen room. They are typically used as chapter rooms by the sororities, as well as for holding recruitment events. Many members also choose to use them as a quiet place to study, relax and work on projects.

In the past, it was custom for a key to be given to all initiated sisters, allowing them admittance to the room at their convenience. Under the new policy, the number of keys will

be restricted, based on the number of each sorority's executive board, between 15 and 22.

Should a sister without an office need to get into her suite she must either find another member who does have a key or make arrangements with Security or the Office of Student Activities to sign one out.

According to Greek Advisor Keri Fadden, the movement for modifying key distribution, was triggered by a series of break-ins to some of the suites last spring, that left a number of sisters upset. A following investigation turned up evidence that no system was in place to de-

termine the exact number of keys out there and who had them. "Fraternities had keys to the suites, as well as at least 100 keys per chapter. Anyone could make a copy of the keys, and many people did," said Fadden.

Previously unaware of the large amount of keys in circulation, Residence Life became involved with a concern for the safety of not only the sorority members, but also for the other residents of Brooks. A consultation between Fadden, Residence Life, Security and Physical Plant resulted in Residence Life agreeing to pay for the locks to be changed, an expense none of the sororities would have been able to cover.

Part of this agreement was the stipulation that the Office of Student Activities would keep track of the keys. This step was taken in an effort to make sure that entrance could not be gained into the rooms by any non-members of the individual chapters.

Chapter president Crystal Wincko of Kappa Kappa Gamma hopes the change will encourage safety. "I like the idea of security taking over our key situation. In the past we have had problems with non-sisters getting a hold of the keys and breaking into our suite. Hopefully, changing the locks and limiting the number of keys distributed will solve this problem," Wincko said.

Many members of the Greek community, however, believe that the new policy takes away some of their rights as members of their sorority. "It is my personal opinion that it was a really poor decision. I understand concerns about safety and I know of events that have made some chapters wary of break-ins and pranks." Kappa Alpha Theta sister Kristen Gall said. "It's special to us though, as Greek women, to have a place to go specific to our own sorority, as we don't have houses like the men. The rooms seem inaccessible now."

Sarah Caligiuri of Kappa Kappa Gamma

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meal plan policies. Students were interested in a continuous meal plan, where they could still use their meal for the day even if they missed the meal time slot.

Finally, the ASG senior class worked on keeping the post office and all academic buildings open longer, as well as adding lights around campus to make it more secure late at night.

As a whole, ASG concentrated on repairing the I-79 Allegheny sign, as well as making students more aware of the availability of the computer lab on the third floor of the campus center.

Aside from making strides in the fall, ASG plans to continue to make improvements regarding their organization and the needs of students this spring with another set of ongoing projects.

This semester, ASG first-years will concentrate on other elements students want to change on campus, as well as their interests for the future.

The ASG junior class will continue with improvements regarding meal plan policies while the sophomore class works with The Campus to support and publicize their efforts.

Meanwhile, Allegheny seniors will coordinate senior week, as well as a senior directory for graduation.

With the collective work of all its classes, ASG has aimed to inform students on the goals and progress of their projects, culminating with a summary of their work for each semester called the ASG Quarterly.

ASG's elections for the 2002-2003 school year are also coming up. Positions for president and vice president of ASG will be held early this semester. In late February, ASG will post fliers around campus with exact dates.

Candidates for president and vice president must turn in a platform together. This platform talks briefly about the two candidates and reasons why they believe they should be elected, as well as projects and goals they wish to accomplish if they are in fact elected into office.

Elections for the class of 2003, 2004 and 2005 will include the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and six senators for each class. Students will receive information about these elections in their mailboxes in April. Candidates must have 25 signatures from students in their class and must turn in the nomination form.

Too Much Laundry on the Line in Brooks Hall

By ERIN MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Meredith Buesching writes her homework assignments for the week in her planner, along with upcoming tests, papers and readings. Then there are meetings, work outs, study times, and once in awhile some social times penciled in. Her planner resembles many Allegheny students: so full that she can barely find an hour to make a Walmart run. But Buesching has one more two to four hour task to squeeze into her week as well as many other students — laundry.

Like Buesching, First-year Angie Marantides recently found out that doing laundry was more than just a routine chore; it's an exercise. She's never able to get any of her clothes dry, so she said she has devised a plan to trek up and down three flights of stairs numerous times within an hour to get out dry items one by one, in hopes that the others will also dry.

Sophomore Sarah Packosky usually runs down the stairs to the laundry room to see if there are any washers available. If one is open, she sprints back up the stairs, grabs her basket and races back down the stairs, rushing down the hall and around the corner only to look into the room to see someone else putting their clothes into the washer that was open less than two minutes ago.

These students along with approximately 400 others, live in Brooks residence hall. For the 400 girls that live in Brooks, there are a total of nine washers and dryers, all of which are

located on the bottom floor of the four-story building. Each washer takes around 25 minutes, and each dryer around an hour.

With just that information, it is easy to see the problem these girls are having. Students are finding it incredibly difficult to find a time that there are washers or dryers available. "Don't even try to do your laundry on Friday or Sunday afternoons," Buesching said, who has experienced these high-traffic times. "I spent a total of two days trying to do my laundry once."

The huge amount of time that it takes to do laundry is based on several factors. If machines are available, there is usually not enough. A week or two worth of laundry would add up to two, three possibly even four separate loads. If one other person is in the same laundry room, there is usually only one machine open.

There's also a large difference between the washer and the dryer times. Laundry is done in the washer around 25 minutes, but the person there first has their clothes in the dryer, which takes another half an hour to finish drying. The load of wet laundry, along with the student, is forced to wait.

This wait is apparently very frustrating for many students and if they have been waiting in the laundry rooms for a dryer, the minute the dryer is finished they must remove the other person's clothes and put their own in. This, however, is not always done in a careful manner.

According to junior Lisa Frey, a former resident of Brooks, "I almost got into a fight

with this girl who had taken my laundry out and thrown it everywhere."

Added frustration is also experienced by students when the machines do not work properly. "One time I went to take my shirts out of the washer and half of them weren't even wet," Buesching said.

"Don't even try to do your laundry on Friday or Sunday afternoons. I spent a total of two days trying to do my laundry once."

—Meredith Buesching, '04

Both Buesching and Marantides commented that the machines "do not even get mud off of the bottom of pants," which is a common plight here in Meadville. And when it comes to washing anything really nice or delicate, Frey and Buesching said that they do not even attempt to. They don't trust the machines and wait and take the clothes home, even if that is months away.

The main problem these students expressed was that there were not enough machines available for the number of people in the building. Schultz Hall has approximately 150 residents, and four washers and dryers. Ravine Hall has approximately 130 students and four washers and dryers. Edwards Hall, an

upper-class residence hall, has approximately 50 people and four washers and dryers.

Ted Smith, the area coordinator for Brooks, Walker and Baldwin Halls, said that he "knows we can certainly profit from having more machines in every dorm."

Smith said that laundry has always been a concern for students, not only here at Allegheny, but at other colleges where he has worked in the past.

Residence life deals with many different issues and he did not feel that the current situation was as pressing as others that came up this year. He is not sure of any future plans to change the current facilities.

"Looking for available times, like early weekend mornings or late at night and not letting your laundry pile up" are suggestions Smith offered.

When residents were asked about suggestions they had, all responded with "more machines." Some specific suggestions were given by Frey and Marantides to have more laundry areas and also more dryers than washers to cut down the wait.

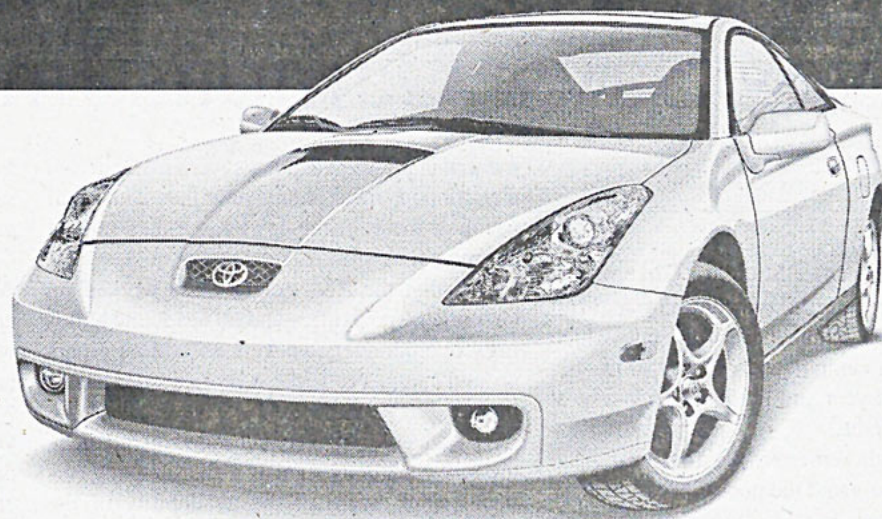
When the struggle was too much for Frey, she said, "I swore I would never do laundry here again." Many students also have given up on the situation and wait or make a special trip home for the specific reason of doing their laundry. For many students, however, like Buesching, that option does not exist.

"Seriously, for the hundreds of girls that live here, I think it is a little ridiculous," Buesching said as she crossed off this interview in her planner.



Celica— The Inside Story

On the outside, it's easy to see that Celica is race-track inspired. But the real excitement is on the inside...under the hood. Take the Celica GT-S...Toyota worked with Yamaha to build a 180 HP engine redlined at 7800 RPM...equipped it with Variable Valve Timing with intelligence...a computer that constantly monitors and retunes your engine for maximum performance...a cam with two sets of lobes to provide two ranges of valve lift and duration for more usable horsepower. There's direct ignition for greater reliability...iridium-tipped spark plugs for reduced maintenance...a stainless steel exhaust manifold...a water-cooled oil cooler. And mated with Toyota's 4-speed electronically-controlled automatic "Sportshift", you get transmission shift switches on the steering wheel...just like Formula 1 race cars. Sweet.



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EDITORIAL

Afterhours at McKinley's: A Positive Addition to Campus Nightlife

It can be a big dilemma for some students to find something to do on-campus during the weekend that doesn't include alcohol and a house party. Gator Activity Programming (GAP), along with the Student Activities Office, recognized this issue and has stepped up to the challenge.

"Afterhours at McKinley's" is a new addition to weekend nightlife on-campus. Sodexo initially jumpstarted the idea by extending the hours of McKinley's food court and offering a new late-night menu developed from a student poll.

Enter GAP and the Office of Student Activities. The addition of two new dartboards and a jukebox has livened the atmosphere and provided the opportunity for more entertainment. Along with the dartboards and jukebox, there are many other alternatives for competition and all-around fun.

Some of the programs recently featured are a "Karaoke for Kash" competition, a euchre tournament and late night movies. The karaoke competition will be a regular event, occurring the first weekend of every month.

Also, the late night movies are a recent change. Previously held on Wednesday nights, GAP movies will be shown on various nights of the week, including late night weekend showings that coincide with "Afterhours." With all of these new and fun activities, the program is gaining popularity.

Another positive point of "Afterhours at McKinley's" is the energetic advertising campaign. Posters for the events are hanging in the residence halls, academic buildings and the Campus Center. It is difficult to go anywhere on-campus and not see at least one poster. The large display just outside McKinley's — updated on a regular basis — boasts color signs for Afterhours, displays for the upcoming weekly events, and photos of the participants of past events.

The Campus wishes to congratulate GAP and the Office of Student of Activities on a job well done in establishing an alternative place to hangout for students on the weekends. We encourage the student body to take advantage of this program and the activities it offers.

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Letters to the Editor

Handicap Accessibility Unacceptable

I am not the only person on crutches in this school. Allegheny is one of the most non-hospitable schools to handicapped and disabled people in the area. I have just gotten off the phone after being on it for one hour calling everyone from the dean of students to the health center to security. After attempting to make it to class today in light of the blizzard outside, I slipped twice. I am not allowed to be putting weight on my foot at all and thank God I had my boyfriend with me to carry me up snow covered "stairs" that couldn't even be seen leading to the door of Ruter. It was well near impossible that I was going to my next class, a class I pay for here at lovely Allegheny. Maintenance has not been keeping up with the downfall of snow at all.

My class was at 1:30p.m., giving plenty of time for the staff to make sweeping rounds and keep up with the downfall, and there were paths that didn't even look touched. Thank goodness I had a friend available at the time to drive me back to the dorm because I would've had to spend the night in Ruter by the time the "snow-staff" could've cleared the paths.

Now, I am not the only person having health difficulties on campus. And I know there are other disabled people having trouble getting

around, especially in this winter weather. There are no handicapped entrances in most of the buildings. There are often stairs and doors that need held open for someone like me to enter a building, often entailing that someone be with me at all times just so I can make it to class. And the snow maintenance could be rated as "poor" at the very best.

I have talked to all of my friends who have cars to see if it would be possible for them to drive me to class in times like these, but since they happen to be science majors, they have labs, etc and our times conflict. So after all of my phone calls, I was able to get security to drive me to classes on days like these. I am very frustrated and I know that I must not be the only one going through this.

After talking to Nancy Sheridan in the Dean of Students Office, I ask her what other handicapped people do on days like these. "Stay at home?" I asked. She answered yes! That is completely unacceptable to me! I refuse to pay to go here and then to have the college be unacceptable to the disabilities of its students.

I cannot afford to sit in my room missing classes while it's snowing! Why isn't there at least some sort of plan for cases like these with drivers, or a set plan by security to help in these kinds of situations? Why aren't there more handicapped ramps and fewer stairs? Why aren't there handicapped accessible doors in

buildings such as Quigley? I'm just very glad that I don't have any classes on a second or third floor, because no buildings have elevators.

So much here at this school is difficult to do when on crutches, I couldn't even imagine being in a wheelchair! For as much as tuition is here — and it keeps increasing — something needs to be done about this. Paying students are receiving little if nothing in return when in need.

This school's handicapped accessibility options are totally unacceptable and something should be done about it. It's not fair to those without the use of a part of their body to suffer in such a way. I am so thankful this is short-term for me.

It is so hard trying to lead a "normal" life on this campus when one is disabled. My solution to this problem? I would love if the dean of students followed me to classes for a week, saw what I had to go through — to see the breaks I had to take just on the long walk to Quigley from Brooks, to see me trying to slide to class in the snow.

I think a lot of people on this campus are completely unaware as to what's going on when it comes to disability options here at Allegheny. I wish something could be done to make those unaware, aware and willing to help to change this school.

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Junior

Throwing Food After Bombs Shows Mercy?

Is war good? According to an Op-Ed article published in *The New York Times* on February 1, it is. The article, written by Nicholas D. Kristoff, talks about how beneficial war will be for those living in Afghanistan. As proof, he crunches numbers for us — 225,000 Afghan children under age five die yearly and 15,000 Afghan women die yearly in pregnancy or childbirth. UNICEF's measles vaccination campaigns will save approximately 35,000 children's lives. 20,000 new teachers are being trained so that 1.5 million children in Afghanistan can begin school next month. By his best guess, Kristoff estimates that the American bombing of Afghanistan killed at the least 9,000 and at the most, 12,000 people, including civilians.

Kristina Wells

"By my calculations," he said, "our invasion of Afghanistan may end up saving one million lives over the next decade." This is his justification for war? I guess it's a case of sacrificing a few lives for the better good. But why did it take a war to bring attention to the sub-standard living conditions of the country? Even by

Kristoff's own admission, no one was paying attention a few years ago — in fact, international groups were backing off of the country because it was too dangerous for Christian missionaries. Most likely, the attempt to improve the living standards in the country came as a response to the very critical responses of American liberals, Muslims and American allies to the bombing in Afghanistan.

According to Kristoff, "Afghanistan shows that guns and bombs can save lives as much as scalpels and IV tubes." In my experience, IV tubes don't kill you. A scalpel, maybe. Seriously though, folk, guns and bombs do not save lives — they take lives. That is their purpose. That is what they are built for. The United States is not increasing its defense budget so that it can engage in a tickling session with the terrorists. People save lives. People who get up off of their behinds and make a difference save lives. Guns do not save lives unless it saves your life as you are defending yourself.

Kristoff also said that, "military intervention, even if it means innocent lives on both sides, can serve the most humanitarian of goals." What is humanitarian about losing innocent lives? Why is it okay to kill people, so long as the people that we don't kill are given vaccinations and food? U.N. officials say that it will take at least 10 to

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Resolutions for Allegheny

Over the course of the break, I made the traditional New Year's resolutions for myself. Since I was having so much fun doing this, I decided not to stop with myself, and went ahead and came up with a few for the school.

Emily LaRue

I did this out of thoughtfulness since I realize that it is close to that time of year when high school seniors are sending out and receiving mass quantities of mail to and from colleges. With everything going on during this time of year, the school may not have the time or energy to expend on coming up with resolutions. This is where I come in with my top four suggestions for the improvement of the school. My list could have been longer, but in order for Allegheny to have a decent chance of keeping these goals for longer than a week or two, I have shortened the list to the tasks that I feel are most important.

The item that is on the very top of my list deals with the showers in the Brooks/Walker complex. I'm sure that any one of the over 400 residents of these buildings could tell you what I am talking about. The issue that needs to be addressed is shower temperature. In weather this cold, it is particularly unpleasant to wake up and take a cold shower. This is not an isolated problem by any means, either. In order to give the school the benefit of the doubt, I have tried showers in other parts of the building and talked to people in other sections. The results always came up the same; without fail, at almost all times of the day, the showers are cold. The goal that I, hold for the school, as a result of this phenomena, is to get a larger water heater.

The problem with cold showers would not be such an issue if my room was warm, but the heater in my room keeps me from wanting to use this source of heat. This brings me to my second suggestion. In the later part of last semester, I would turn on the heat periodically only to turn it off again within a few minutes. Though the heat was much appreciated, the horrible sounds and smells accompanying it were not. I'm not sure how the school can go about fixing this problem, but I am sure that they could come up with something.

My next goal for the year 2002 involves the snow covered walks on campus. Granted, I am a first year student so I have nothing to compare this to, but when I came visit last February in the middle of a snow storm, I remember the sidewalks being better cleared than this. Of course, that might have been done especially for Scholars' Weekend, but if the school has to resort to special snow removal to attract potential students, then I think I need to reorganize my list of goals. I realize that that the snow Sunday night started late, so it is understandable that the paths were still snowy early Monday morning. However, I don't understand why, after the paths were eventually cleared, salt was not put down. Putting down salt would have kept the sidewalks from refreezing and being as slippery as they now are.

My final suggestion for the College would involve the food service. I know that the food here is often criticized, but I feel that as long as I can offer some constructive advice along with the complaints, I should be okay. My first suggestion would be to throw away the vegetables on the salad bar at Brooks before they turn funny colors. For example, during the first couple of days back at school, the mushrooms were a color (purple!) and texture (slimy) that I never seen in any mushrooms before, and hopefully will never see again. Another goal I would have for the food service would be come up with another way to show the students their meals without making us feel sick. The plates of food sitting out at Brooks and Shultz Dining Halls don't exactly make me want to eat there. Perhaps the food looks appetizing at 11 a.m. when it is first put out, but when 1 p.m. rolls around, the food has lost any appealing qualities.

I understand that some of these goals are rather lofty and that I cannot expect them all to be taken care of at once, that is why I am giving them as objectives for the entire next year. Hopefully, these problems will be able to be corrected sometime in the future. If not, I can't really say too much; my own resolutions haven't exactly faired too well themselves.

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LEX



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U.S. Losing the "War on Terror"

It's been a few months since we began this so-called "war on terror," and so far, terror seems to be winning. Oh, sure, we've routed the Taliban from Afghanistan — no wait, the Northern Alliance did all the fighting for us, and we just dropped bombs on everything in sight. And now the Northern Alliance won't just leave the country to its new interim government? Wow, who'd ever have thought it? Oh well, I'm sure things will work out over there.

Ray Reigadas

Anyway, we did, in a sense remove the Taliban from power—except that wasn't one of the goals of this little foray into the sandbox. We were supposed to capture Osama bin Laden, which we haven't done yet. As a matter of fact, we really have no clue where the guy is. He could be anywhere. Hell, he could have been

sitting next to me on the A train this weekend.

Capturing bin Laden has proven tougher than carrying a weapon onto an airplane, post Sept. 11. Actually, anything seems to be more difficult than that, as airport security remains looser than the accepted standards of corporate accounting at Arthur Anderson. That seems to include apprehending just about any actual terrorist. Let's look at the so-called public enemies the government has caught so far:

John Walker Lindh: Naive kid from Marin County, Calif. who went to Yemen to study Islam. How the heck he wound up in a prison in Mazar-i-Sharif, with a bunch of captured Taliban fighters is a good question. What crimes he's broken, if any, is another. So far, he's been all over the news, and for good reason — the U.S. military has captured absolutely no one of any importance at all. Of course, Walker isn't a terrorist, but someone's got to take the fall

here.

Zacarias Moussaoui: Technically, this guy doesn't count, either. He was arrested way back in August, before the terror dragnet began. Apparently, the guy didn't seem to care much about learning how to land a plane, which set off a few alarms. Interestingly, it seems that he didn't have much legal representation until he was arraigned over three months after his arrest — legally, he should have been charged within a couple days, tops. At this point, he is the ONLY person to have been charged with any crimes in connection to the attacks of Sept. 11.

Abdullah Higazy: Maybe you haven't heard too much about this poor guy. He's a foreign student studying in New York. As a matter of fact, he was staying in a hotel across from the World Trade Center. He was arrested and spent 31 days in jail despite his claims that he was just a college student, and the foun-

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Developments in Afghanistan Encouraging

The Taliban is toppled, Al-Qaeda is on the run, and we have scores of terrorists awaiting interrogation. Will they tell us anything new about the organization? They have been described as fanatical followers of Osama bin Laden who would never betray him. Of course, they were also described as expert fighters, and that label was grievously misplaced. If I say the war on terror is going well, is this not a supported statement? Nonetheless, the expected people roll their eyes back in their head and chuckle at my remarks. Attention! I said it was going well, I never said we won already. Sadly, the same people who denounced the war mere months ago refuse to recant or acknowledge they might have been wrong.

Jason Peck

In the 40s, literary legend George Orwell couldn't help but notice how journalists and intellectuals repeatedly changed their views on how World War II would end. Even worse, when they changed their minds, they were absolutely sure of their position. In the words of Orwell, "Whoever is winning at the moment will seem to be invincible. The tendency to predict a continuation of a current event is not simply a bad habit, like inaccuracy or exaggeration, which one can correct by taking thought. It is a major mental disease, and its roots lie partly in cowardice and partly in the worship of power, which is not fully separable from cowardice."

To an extent, our own journalists and intellectuals do the same thing. I'm not quite sure that power-worship is the best way to describe it, but many still suffer from this tendency to take advantage of any opportunity to try to prove America is wrong and our leaders are inept.

Not convinced? My favorite editorial probably came from *New York Observer* writer Nicholas Von Hoffman. "We are mapless, we are lost, and we are distracted by gusts of wishful thinking. That our high command could believe the Afghani peasantry or even the Taliban would change sides after a few weeks of bombing! This is fantasizing in high places," he said. Days later, the Taliban retreated. Closer to home, there was one Allegheny student who wrote a lengthy letter a mere day before gusts of wishful thinking forced the Taliban to cede 90 percent of Afghanistan. Already committed to writing an article on Nostradamus, I neglected to follow up. Consider this my follow up then.

At any rate, the development in Afghanistan is more than just a little encouraging. The departure of the Taliban marks a major step in the eradication of terrorism, or at least in Afghanistan. Osama bin Laden was a notorious terrorist in his own country. In a Taliban Afghanistan, he was honored guest. The presence of numerous Al-Qaeda training camps speaks volumes. And on the human rights' side, the Taliban is guilty of their worst crimes. When the bombing did not succeed in the first week, many human rights activists stood up and argued that the Bush administration's bombing campaign

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In Defense of the Bush Administration: Enron Accusation False

With the approval ratings of President Bush remaining at 90 percent and Congressional Republicans viewed favorably on nearly all domestic, military and national security issues, a plea for help among Democrats has gone out to stop what appears to be a Republican party primed for increasing their lead in the House and taking back control of the Senate in 2002.

Brandon Meyer

Enter: Tom Daschle. The Democratic Senate Majority Leader has tried everything in his power to stop the Bush juggernaut. Daschle's attempts to obstruct Bush's court appointments and to blame the recession on Bush's tax cuts have been a disaster, causing many prominent Democrats to break ranks with their party. Alas, there is a sign of hope for Democrats. The recent collapse of Enron has raised the hopes of many Democrats, hoping to create a scandal for President Bush worse than Clinton's Whitewater. In fact, I can already see the words scribbled

on the blackboard at the Democratic National Committee (DNC): "It's Enron, stupid!"

However, many of the Democrat claims can be easily dismissed and written off as mere speculation. The Democrat attack strategy attempts to link Bush to his so-called ties with Big Energy. Democrats are searching for any indications that Bush took campaign contributions in return for instituting energy policies and backroom deals favorable to Enron. Fortunately, the Bush administration gave Enron no such help. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans both were contacted by Enron and made aware of the situation, but did nothing. The only link that can be made between the collapse of Enron and the Bush administration is guilt by association.

This marks in stark contrast to officials in the Clinton administration. Robert Rubin, Clinton's former Treasury Secretary, asked current Deputy Treasury Secretary Peter Fisher (a Clinton appointee and holdover) to intercede on Enron's behalf and prevent the collapse. Furthermore as a direct policy link

between Enron and the Clinton administration, Enron donated \$420,000 to Democrats over a three-year period at the same time that they lobbied the Clinton administration to pass the flawed 1997 Kyoto global warming treaty (Some may recall that this was the treaty Clinton endorsed and that the Senate refused to ratify by a vote of 97-0). This bought access to the oval office where Enron boss Ken Lay met Gore and Clinton on numerous occasions. With the treaty's passage, Enron would have benefited very lucratively from the increased business sales in natural gas due to the treaties restrictions. If that's not buying influence on policy decisions, I don't know what is.

Other notions of Democratic hypocrisy involve campaign contributions from Enron made to both political parties. As with many Republicans, many Democrats received money from Enron to fund their campaigns. However, the difference is that Republicans have admitted their acceptance of funds. In fact, Attorney General John Ashcroft, who received \$50,000 for his failed 2000 senate campaign,

chose to reclude himself because of his involvement. Why haven't prominent Democrats such as Joe Lieberman, who received more than \$257,000 in campaign contributions, done the same? Ironically, Lieberman and other Democrats who took money from Enron are the individuals leading the investigations into the Bush administration.

Perhaps these same investigators should examine the actions of DNC chairman Terry McAuliffe and his involvement with the bankruptcy of telecommunications giant Global Crossings. After an initial investment of \$100,000 into the company, McAuliffe made a profit of \$18 million while other stockholders suffered from the approaching effects of bankruptcy. Additionally, McAuliffe refuses to disclose notes and records of his meetings with Global Crossing officials that detail the amount of influence he had. The most significant aspect of McAuliffe's involvement is that the media has not given any attention to this matter. As further insights are gained into McAuliffe's actions, let's hope that the liberal media can report a real scandal when they see one.

Back to Enron. Democratic lawmakers are split on how aggressively to pursue the Bush administration on Enron. Some Democrats do not want to see their colleagues search at length to find anything to derail a popular wartime president. Not only do Democrats fear a popular backlash from the public, but they also fear that any investigation of regulatory failures will ultimately lead back to the Clinton Whitehouse. Still, other Democrats believe the Bush administration has done nothing wrong and has been fully cooperative. Senate Democrat Jon

Corzine believes "[p]eople legitimately objected to the diversion of the public interest during the Republican investigations of President Clinton, and it would be a mistake on our part to get into returning the favor." The Democrats should follow Corzine's lead and get back to focusing on the substantive issues.

Next up is the Democratic notion that the Bush administration should have warned stock-holders of Enron's impending collapse. I could just see it now: President Bush giving a prime-time speech advising Enron shareholders to sell. This would create a national panic with all shareholders racing to sell their stock. Just about every member of Wall Street would be seeking to impeach President Bush after this action. The fact of the matter is that it is up to the owners of the company and not the president to alert stockholders and consumers of financial difficulty.

Lastly, I'm told that Enron's collapse signifies the evils of capitalism and the free market. Free markets fluctuate with the good and the bad and just as companies such as Enron and Kmart go bankrupt, other companies have experienced unprecedented growth even during a recession. At its heart, the case against Enron is not about the faults of capitalism, but rather about the criminal wrongdoings of Enron officials. Unfortunately, many Democrats do not see it this way and have used Enron to fit their political agendas. One can only hope that as election season looms closer, Democrats can find real issues to run on instead of a scandal that never was.

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20 years to build Afghanistan up. Can America afford to devote itself to that kind of project — while the numbers of homeless, destitute, and unemployed continue to rise? While the country remains in a recession? How can we help others when we can barely help ourselves?

The problems in Afghanistan are not new. They didn't just pop up around Sept. 11. They simply didn't

blip upon the radar of the American conscious until every other word out of our mouths became "Taliban." While it is a good thing that the world is trying to get the country back on its feet, the war on terrorism shouldn't be tied up in the decision to make a positive change in Afghan life. The war and the humanitarian effort are two separate things. One should not have led to the other, but

it happened and we can move past that. But we are talking about two things that contradict each other. You can't throw bombs down on a country and call it, as Kristoff does, "a merciful war," simply because you throw food down there too.

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was delaying humanitarian supplies into Afghanistan, thereby exacerbating a hunger crisis that threatened to kill seven million, more than the Somali starvation crisis. Since America was to be responsible for this mass starvation, as the story goes, hatred of America would only increase and send new legions of fanatics to the Taliban's side. Wait a minute, did anyone wonder why the humanitarian crisis existed in the first place?

By all means, the Taliban was Afghanistan's worst enemy. Before the bombing, or Sept. 11 even, the Taliban were quite notorious for holding up humanitarian aid themselves. Their backward ways forced the Afghans into even greater depths of misery. Consider their treatment of women for example: if Mrs. Bush's radio address numbers are accurate, a pre-Taliban country had women as 80 percent of Afghanistan's teachers, 40 percent as their doctors, and saw 30% of their businesses headed by women. Then in one fell swoop they are forced into virtual house arrest. I ask you, is there any nation in the world that can take a hit like that? We couldn't. Neither could Afghanistan.

To say that we missed the terrorists and hit a neutral regime is an absolutely ludicrous statement. I'm sure that the average Afghani would agree. The new government is certainly not a centralized powerhouse; it has

only been in effect for a matter of months and has a lot to work with. But it is certainly a good start. The new government is open to outside countries, condemns terrorism, and has an interim leader, meaning that he will be subject to elections of a democratic nature. I'm perfectly certain that whatever elevated Omar to power was far short of democratic. The short-term efforts by the United States have ended the years of ruthless systematic rule by ultra-extremists.

Finally, one should look to the home front and efforts being made to terror-proof the country. Such efforts are constantly attacked as affronts to civil rights, but those same people continually stress that we are not fighting a country. Intelligence capabilities are essential to locate terrorist cells, and security measures are needed to avoid another Sept. 11.

By no means am I yet ready to say that the Afghan government will succeed, but I'd challenge anyone who wants to play Nicholas Von Hoffman. But then again, the warlords are currently causing trouble in Afghanistan, if Orwell's observations are right, I'd predict that the Taliban will rise again to new heights of glory in a matter of days.

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ation paying his tuition had booked him the room until an apartment could not make any phone calls and was allowed to only talk to his interrogators. The damning evidence? A pilot's radio, which the FBI claimed they found in his room. He was eventually freed when a pilot showed up at the hotel, complaining that his radio had disappeared from the safe. Which begs the question, if the radio was in the hotel safe, why did the FBI claim it was found in Higazy's room? Did they plant it there, or just say they found it there and take it from the safe? And what if the pilot had decided the radio was an acceptable loss and hadn't pursued the matter or hadn't returned to New York? Higazy would still be looking at a life term for being a terrorist.

Meanwhile, we're keeping a bunch of POWs — oops, I'm sorry, detainees (after all, if they're POWs, they have more rights) at Guantanamo Bay in conditions that would make the warden of a Chinese prison beam with pride. We shave their heads and beards, deprive them of sleep, isolate them, humiliate them — I don't care if Don Rumsfeld does say that he thinks that "it is humane and appropriate and consistent with the Geneva Conventions for the most part" — if another country did this to our soldiers, Bush would be screaming "torture" at the tops of his lungs, and demanding Amnesty International do something. Sure, they were fighting for a government we considered illegitimate when it was convenient. The same could be said of soldiers fighting for the colonies in American Revolution captured by the British. We're told that these men represent a threat to the ideals this nation was founded upon. Where are those ideals now?

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BRIAN HILL

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The French Creek Project runs a mini-grant program that gives money to landowners and farmers to assist them in implementing new management practices and methods to protect the quality of water in French Creek.

The grant program has given away approximately \$300,000 in grants as well as providing the landowners and farmers with volunteers to help with work that is done to the land.

The French Creek Project also works with local governments to assist them in implementing progressive ordinances that help to protect the watershed of French Creek.

The French Creek is as rich historically as it is ecologically.

George Washington, whom was sent to the watershed by the British to demand that the French leave the region, named the creek. Soon after, the French and Indian War began, some of which was fought in this re-

gion.

The French Creek watershed is home to numerous endangered species. They include the clubshell mussel, the northern riffleshell mussel, the eastern sand darter, the northern madtom catfish and 35 endangered species of plants. The watershed is also home to the bald eagle and the hellbender salamander (known for its size of over two feet long and life span of around 29 years).

According to Mr. Hill, Allegheny students are "very involved" in the French Creek Project. Mr. Hill enjoys working with the many students who contribute as Bonner Leaders, work-study employees, and volunteers.

"The students really take control of the 4th grade presentations. There is a student in the Art department working on creating a photo library for the French Creek and we use the students to organize volunteers and

work in the nursery," explained Hill.

The French Creek project, under the leadership of Mr. Brian Hill, has been working to protect the French Creek and its watershed for over 6 years. The success of this organization is the result of its director's leadership and dedication.

If you are interested in volunteering with the French Creek Project, contact Brian Hill by phone at 332-2946 or e-mail the Project at frenchcreek@aol.com.

Comps Taking a Bite Out of Senior Life

By KATIE WIDDOWSON
Staff Reporter

Allegheny students working on their comps this semester will inevitably find themselves knee-deep in research, analysis and writing, which eventually results in around 70 pages of intense, browbeating work. In turn, the comp can leave both students and faculty wondering if the time invested was, in fact, time well spent.

For Psychology majors, the comp involves experiment results; for Theater majors, a play they've written; for Economics majors, perhaps a statistical analysis.

Whatever the focal point, most agree that the comp involves a hefty commitment on both the part of students, who produce the comp, and faculty members, who advise students along the way, read chapter after chapter, serve on a panel during the oral component and finally grade

the project.

According to Assistant Professor of Communication Arts Marilyn Bordwell, "It [the comp] is a lot of work for everyone, work that benefits students and faculty in some cases, but that burdens in other cases."

During the spring 2001 semester, Bordwell estimated that she spent between 105 and 115 hours advising students on their comps and as a reader for others, a figure that varies from semester to semester depending on the number of advisees under each professor.

At the end of the fall 2001 semester, Bordwell said she committed a total of 50 hours to comps. Plus, during "crunch time," not only do professors like Bordwell have to concentrate on reading and grading comps, but also on the demands of their classes.

Considering the burden comps put on faculty members, Bordwell said she would like to see some sort of solution — either a course release

for every so many comps advised, or some other form of compensation.

Bordwell suggested making the comp optional. "Students who completed the comp would have a special designation on their transcripts and diplomas. Faculty could agree to advise a comp or not, based on the merit of the proposed project," she said, adding that the faculty would presumably be encouraged to supervise comps.

Senior Donna Donnelly, who begins her comp this semester, agreed with Bordwell. The College, she said, should designate the comp as part of an honors track. That way, students with enough room in their schedule and a willingness to take on the task could treat the comp as an enjoyable activity, rather than something they dread. "They could be recognized for their extra effort at graduation," Donnelly said.

Some students, like comping senior Devin McCue, feel the comp keeps them from experiencing the

freedom they expect during their senior year of college. "Keep it [the comp]," he said, "but place less emphasis on it."

Jessica Surovick '00 expressed her own concerns. "The only drawback [of the comp] that I can think of is the time commitment being huge. If you're comping while trying to apply for jobs or schools, what should take a lesser priority?" she said. "I am glad I did it but I don't think I want to do it again," she added.

Jessie Avevedo '01 agreed, mentioning just how much work goes into the comp process.

Surovick, however, found that employers are impressed with the senior project, and her comp in the economics department coincided with the type of job she applied for.

Like Surovick, Becky Slupski '01 brought up her comp during an interview for chiropractic school. "I believe that it's impressive to hear if you're an outsider," she said. "It teaches you to work independently and work on your time management skills."

Lisa Hoden '01 chose a comp topic that didn't relate to her future job aspiration, but said the project is a good resource. "The comp didn't really help me get my job, but it gave me confidence and a bragging right," she said. "After completing it, I knew that I could complete a major project and could do well on it. So I guess in that sense I figured I was one step ahead of someone else." Hoden said that graduating with something a little more special than the typical graduate makes Allegheny alumni unique.

In spite of the inevitable work involved, Surovick and Hoden said they think the comp should stay put because it's a valuable tradition that distinguishes Allegheny. "I think the comp defines an Allegheny graduate," Hoden said. "It's something that we all share, and it is the epitome of undergraduate accomplishment. I work with a lot of Pitt [University of Pittsburgh] alumni, and in a way I feel superior to them because of my educational back-

ground, even if they hold higher positions than me."

Donnelly agreed. "Parents are impressed because they don't usually hear about this at other schools, so it makes Allegheny stand out. To any outsider, the requirement sounds impressive," she said.

Closest in comparison to Allegheny are Kenyon, The College of Wooster, Wabash, and Earlham. Kenyon has a "senior exercise"; Wooster has an "independent study thesis"; Wabash has both an oral and a written examination that is graded by a faculty panel; Earlham requires students to take a senior seminar in which they research a topic of their choice in depth and submit a paper at the end, but there is no oral defense involved.

Other schools, however, follow a more voluntary path. Denison University has an optional senior project. On average, 25 percent of the school's graduating seniors do senior research that culminates in a paper or project. Associate Provost Keith Boone does not foresee senior research as a requirement in the future.

Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin have thesis requirements only for honors programs. To achieve "honor" status at Wittenberg, one must meet certain pre-requisites, such as a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Although Allegheny's comp is mandatory for all students, Surovick said one advantage is that it allows a student to demonstrate the skills he or she gained at Allegheny and also to develop new ones. "I developed a great working relationship with my comp advisors," she said.

"That project was a million things, including the most fun, the most stressful, the most interesting, the most useful, and the most informative," Avevedo concluded. Apparently, though, the comp is something that she would like to leave behind for now. "It's been a year since I have been out of school and I haven't touched my comp once — not to read it, not even to thumb

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an incident involving Kennedy on campus in 1998. "I saw a nice black Mercedes Benz. [Kennedy] came out of the car. I remember seeing him on campus so I knew he was a student." The student went into a house, and soon after noticed security around the car, inspecting with a flashlight. He told them what he wit-

nessed, made a statement to the Meadville police, and the car was found to be stolen from Washington, Pa. Chief Acker confirmed the student's story: "The information was sent to Washington. We didn't arrest Kennedy because we couldn't prove who drove or parked it there. But Kennedy was the main suspect."

Two campus-wide e-mails, sent Jan. 29 and 30 from Director of Security Hal Tubbs, informed the campus of "the presence of a suspicious person on campus," and said "there is no established connection between the suspected thief and Allegheny College, and his presence here was likely coincidental and temporary."

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agreed. "If I need to do something in the suite or bring something there, I am not able to do so without having to find someone to let me in. It's a hassle."

Alyssa Yargar, a member of Alpha Delta Pi, also disagrees with the change. "I think that it's ridiculous that all of our members have equal amounts of money taken out of their dues to pay rent and not all members

are allowed equal access," she said. There are some women of the Greek community who think it's too early to tell whether the changing of the locks will be an issue, such as Alpha Chi Omega President Kristen Lauth. "It's different, but I think we'll just have to wait and see," she said.

Fadden also agreed that those opposed to the new procedure should allow themselves time to adjust to it.

"I know that it is a change from everyone having a key, but I think it is the right decision for now. We have to remember we are guests in Brook's Hall and that we do not own the suites, we rent them each semester. I think it is all of our priority to keep them safe and in good condition. I hope that we can all give it a try to see if it works out," she said.

Lyrical Poet Kicks Off Black Heritage Month

By NICOLE GERAGHTY
Weekend Editor

This past Friday night marked the opening ceremony of Black Heritage Month (BHM) for Allegheny's Association for the Advancement of Black Culture (ABC) with the appearance of esteemed urban poet Ursula Rucker.

Since making her debut in 1994, Rucker has worked with recording artists and producers such as King Britt, 4 hero, Jamaaladeen Tacuma, Josh Wink and The Roots. The theme for this month is "Thoughts into Words," and Rucker has no trouble doing that. "My work is very well thought out and felt out," she said. "I just don't say it for shock factor."

Senior and Chairperson for ABC Pency Smith agreed. Smith, who is responsible for the poet's visit, felt that Rucker's lyrics on The Roots album vocalized what she was thinking. "Everything she's ever said—her words and lyrics—express what I'm feeling," said Smith. "She's my conduit."

Rucker an expectant mother, gave an informal reading of eight of her poems. She made the audience feel welcome into her world by choosing to sit on the steps rather than standing on the stage. Although Rucker is accustomed to reciting her poetry with background music, she adjusted to the change. "It's nice not be with my musicians," said Rucker. "It really highlights where you can go with poetry." Without music, many of her poems, such as "Woman's Song," still held a rhythmic quality by repeating verses.

Many of Rucker's poems hold her distinct views on a certain subject. Her poem titled "Digichant" is Rucker's take on computers. She feels that while advances in technology do a service to people, it does a disservice to connection and passion. "I don't hate computers, but when I see two people in the same room using a computer to communicate rather than

talking in person, it kind of makes me sick," Rucker said.

"Song for Billy" is one of Rucker's more shocking pieces, as it retells the story of a woman who was so desperate for drugs that she offered her two-year old child as a form of payment. "Even though something may not be directly related to me," said Rucker, "once something becomes a part of my emotional grasp it become a part of my experience."

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—poet Ursula Rucker

Rucker expanded on this theme more when she recited "Brown Boy." "Brown Boy" speaks to the experience that black fathers have in America as they leave their families," Rucker said. The poem begins: Little all shades of Brown Boy/ Little all shades of Brown Boy/ Daddy loved you / Daddy left you. "It looks what historical things lead up to that possibility. You can see it one way and then in a whole different light," she said.

The piece Rucker chose to close with was "Adventures in Wonderland." It was a personal piece about her husband's friend who began to sell cocaine because she wanted to beat the system. However, she soon felt guilty because she had a daughter, but by then it was too late. She was apprehended by authorities and sent to prison. Rucker talked to her about her decisions and prison life and came up with

URBAN POET



AT THE MIC—Philadelphia native Ursula Rucker shared her poetry with students and faculty this past Friday night at McKinleys. Rucker's visit marked the opening ceremony for Black Heritage Month.

—photo by Audrey Courchesne, Assistant Photography Editor

"Adventures in Wonderland."

Rucker credits poet Sonya Sanchez for inspiration. "Her poetry is poetry for the people, for the world. The person who writes the poetry is the person you meet when you meet her," Rucker said. She also credits her family, Philadelphia—the city which she has called home all her life—and her life in

general. "Life," said Rucker, "is what's standing right in front of me. I don't need to go any further. It's essential to care."

To learn more about Ursula Rucker, or to purchase her latest CD, "Supasista", visit www.k7.com.

ABC will be holding events throughout February for BHM.

WARC Brings Faculty Members On Board

By GABE HIGGS
Staff Reporter

For some people, like Associate Professor of English Kirk Nasset, music is more than just a hobby it's an obsession. Nasset has been a disc jockey (DJ) for Allegheny's radio station, WARC (90.3 FM), for six years.

Nasset's show, called "Black Planet," airs on Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. and presents listeners with what he calls "music to cut your throat by while dancing."

For several years, Nasset was the only faculty member at Allegheny with a show on WARC. However, this is no longer the case, as there are at least 10 faculty DJs on the air this

semester, with WARC broadcasting since Feb. 1.

WARC has designated a 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. time slot from Sunday to Thursday for faculty, who will broadcast a variety of specialty shows. Jazz Director Eric Reinagel said that WARC has the most faculty members on air since he started hosting his own shows four years ago.

One such show, called "The Voice of Meadville," is an interview slot on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is hosted by Communication Arts Professor and WARC Faculty Advisor Brent Malin, along with Visiting Communication Arts Professor Robert Macdougall.

This show, which premiered last semester, is unique in that it's the

only "talk show" on WARC. Last semester's guests included various member of the community and College, including politicians, members of the press, professors and President Richard Cook. This semester's guests will include artists, musicians and a doctor who will talk about mental health.

Macdougall said he enjoys picking peoples brains on hot topics. The show also airs music from a variety of genres, including world music, jazz, folk, and music from the 1980s, what Macdougall called his personal favorite.

Another new addition to the WARC lineup last semester is a show hosted by Assistant Professor of English Christopher Bakken and

Communication Arts Professor Anthony Fleury. Their show plays all vinyl records and is comprised mostly of jazz from the 1950s and 60s, as well as a mix of blues, rock and country.

The show, which airs on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., consists of vinyl records from each professor's own collections. The duo usually has a theme for the show, such

as country music or food, but said they never stick to this for the entire two hours. Fleury said he likes the show because he and Bakken are good friends, and also because it has increased his taste in music.

A new show debuting this semester called "Planeta Mundo" is hosted by three modern and classical

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'Legally Blonde' For Rent

By MARK KLAMAN
Staff Reporter

So, for my first movie review of the semester, I opted to review a new release because frankly, it's too cold to walk down to the Meadville Cinemas. I wanted to review a movie that I heard a lot of people talking about, yet didn't gain as much recognition, as, say, "The Lord of the Rings". I came upon "Legally Blonde" with Reese Witherspoon, whom I heard was fantastic (and is) in this movie and was recently nominated for a Golden Globe for her performance. So, there I was about to spend an hour and a half of my life watching a blond-haired girl follow her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law School. It was at this point that I began to grow skeptical.

Reese Witherspoon plays Elle Woods, a California sorority girl who majors in fashion merchandising. What she expects to be a marriage proposal turns into a dismissal from her boyfriend, who felt that he needed a "homely" girl. This basically translates into a girl who is intelligent, and most likely "ugly". She spends days on end eating chocolates and crying into her bottle of Evian, she decides to send in an application to Harvard Law School. This is one of the funniest parts of

the whole film. Her personal essay was a video she made, which is more of a "Real World" application than a sophisticated personal essay, but it was this "color" sort of speak that got her in.

However, when she arrives with her moving van, her pink Prada ensemble and her Chihuahua with highlights, she gets a little cold treatment from the Harvard vets. She fumbles her way through law classes until she finds out that her ex-boyfriend, whom she wants to get back, is now dating a more "homely" girl (a.k.a intelligent and ugly). It is at this point when she begins to actually study and take initiative even if it's just to show other people that she can do it.

Movie Review

Eventually her hard work and long hours of getting manicures done by Paulette (played by the hysterical Jennifer Coolidge, also known as Stifler's mom or MILF from American Pie) pay off. She gets to work on a murder case that involves one of her old college sorority sisters (Ali Larter) as part of

an internship. She is working with the people who assumed that she was an airhead because she is a sorority girl with blond hair. I don't want to ruin the ending for anyone, but let's just say her knowledge of hair care, designer shoes and gay men come in handy in the end.

The great thing about this movie is that even though it plays into stereotypes, it simultaneously breaks them down. By laughing at stereotypes, the audience is forced to think about them. People leave the movie thinking about how each one of us is labeled a certain way and how we are capable of breaking people's expectations, while at the same time surprising ourselves. The other thing that needs to be mentioned in this movie is that after complete ridicule for how she's behaving, how she dresses, and even how she speaks, she doesn't change to fit into the "norms" of Harvard.

The overall message of the movie is so powerful and universal because we are all, at one point in our lives, labeled and have stigmas or negative associations attached to us. It is so hard to remain who you are and honest with yourself when what you do goes against any type of societal norm. Yet, it's this diversity reality that makes people and life interesting.

Le Tigre Makes Some Noise with Long-Awaited Release 'Feminist Sweepstakes'

By DON THOMAS
Staff Reporter

The feminist anarchist Emma Goldman once said, "Its not a revolution if I can't dance to it." Le Tigre is following in similar fashion with their second full length release titled *Feminist Sweepstakes*. By combining biting politically charged lyrics with bouncy electronic beats and at times jarring guitars they create an album that not only calls for revolution but is also one which you can dance along to. The album is released from Mr. Lady Records, a label that puts out music exclusively by bands that concern themselves with political and social issues concerning women.

Rising from the ashes of the Riot Grrrl movement in the early 1990's, Kathleen Hanna has abandoned typical punk style music to developed a musical form of creative expression based on live instruments, such as guitars and bass, that interact and play off the sampled electronic beats. The sampling forms the basic melody for the songs that range anywhere from disco to metal while Hanna and Johanna Fatemen's vocals sound layered over the music. The lyrics are either beautifully sung or harshly screamed, and at times they harmonize well together before giving way to painful cries that echo the band's punk roots.

Music Review

Lyricaly, the content deals primarily with challenges and critiques to sexism and politics. At the same time the album produces a scathing criticism concerning social issues that do not get as much exposure as they should in the media. In the song "F.Y.R.," Hanna raps over a song driven by guitar and sampled drum beats, "Can we trade title nine for an end to hate crime? /RU-486/we got equal rights on ladies night." The lyrics are usually very sarcastic but on some songs it is hard to tell if she is being cynical.

Hanna's voice is occasionally on the whiny side, especially on the second track entitled, "Shred A," where she sings, "You're wasting my time/you're wasting my time/ there goes a good gone bye right on time," repeatedly. The song does not exactly fit on the album since it is a lot different than the others, but this is really the only low point to the album. It seems the vocals were recorded separately from the music and on a few songs it sounds rather off key, but the album as a whole flows very well.

Each song on this album musically is very catchy and a lot of fun to dance to. It's an interesting concept Le Tigre is working with: using melodic and driving music beats to further a political agenda in the music. Typically bands that offer harsh critiques of social, gender and cultural issues have dark and dissonant music to accompany their criticism, but with this album you can dance about and groove to revolutionary hymns.

The best way I can think of to describe this music would be, that if Devo and "SCUM Manifesto" author Valerie Salones teamed up and did an album together.

It's one of those albums where you can throw it on just to listen to, the songs are catchy and upbeat; something to get you moving in the morning, as well as an album in which you can sit down and read along the lyrics sheet and learn something.

If your interested in hearing Le Tigre's music you can visit the website, www.mrlady.com or call up WARC at 332-5275 and request hearing a song from this cool band. It is definitely worth giving it a chance. Besides, who knows, you might learn something as well.

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Mad About Meadville: Check Out the Market House

By MATT GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

In the heart of Meadville lies a quaint building that exists from another time. Built in 1870, the red brick Market House is located at 910 Market St. Its arched overhangs define a period of the history of Meadville like few other structures and is the oldest continuously operating market house in Pennsylvania. The commerce that takes place within Market House is also reminiscent of the past.

Various knick-knacks and other homemade goods are peddled by their humble vendors. The food reminds patrons of the taste of real food cooked to order. A small restaurant in the back serves country breakfast, truly bustling on Saturdays.

They also offer a variety of products, which include fresh baked goods, candles, homemade pasta, coffees, maple sugar products, crafts, gifts and plants. Amish jams and jellies fill a rack between of the stocked shelves and tables. The deli, which serves specialty sandwiches and two soups daily, is always



IN THE MARKET—The Market House, built in 1870, is located at 910 Market St. in Meadville.

—photo by Audrey Courchesne, Assistant Photography Editor

stocked with fresh meats and cheeses.

Winter, as can be expected, slows business down. The produce that arrives at daybreak during the growing season on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday doesn't come in, and the bands don't usually play on the patio now, although they're welcome to.

The Market House doesn't compensate entertainers, but they would be very appreciative if anyone want-

ed to get up there and get some exposure. They are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Try the home-cooked breakfast and relax on a Saturday, or just try a sandwich with 130 years of experience behind it. Experience life with a different kind of people from all walks of life. For more information, call the Market House at 336-2056.

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Aries (March 21 - April 19): Expect nothing to be as it appears at first glance. You need to read between the lines and listen to the meaning rather than merely the words, just as you need to tap into what isn't being said. While this may take more effort than you're used to giving lately, the rewards are many -- you may learn quite a bit about yourself, human nature and the way the world works. Tune into that part of yourself that is intuitive, mystical and a little wild.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): While Disneyland may be a terrific place to vacation, you certainly wouldn't want to live there for very long. You need a dose of reality and a little

taste of mundane life to keep you focused on what is both healthy and important. While love is often about roses, poems and snowball fights, it can also be about the laundry, dirty dishes and paying the bills. Neither one is really more important than the other. Keep this in mind as you tend to the nuts and bolts of living, growing and loving.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): You can't seem to decide exactly where you want to be these days. And while you could go on agonizing about it, you could also forestall any decision-making for at least a few more days. While you love your independence, you also cherish having somebody to share it with.

UNPLEASANT THOUGHTS

—a column by Matt Meehan

This past Sunday, billions of people across the globe watched the Cinderella New England Patriots put the beat-down on the heavily favored St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI. While the game was held at the supposedly neutral New Orleans Superdome, one could have easily mistaken the Patriots for the home team. The logo on the 50-yard line, the bunting around the concourses and the confetti released at the end of the game all bore the Patriots' distinct colors of red, white and blue. The only difference between the stadium we saw on Sunday, and New England's Foxboro Stadium, was that this one had a roof. Apparently, nobody in Massachusetts bothered to consider how cold it gets in the winter, or how playing divisional playoff games in thick New England fog might cause certain All-NFL cornerbacks to get burned due to nothing else but complete confusion.

Yet while the Patriots had color schemes and the hearts of underdog-fans everywhere, the Rams had many more important factors in their favor, or so it seemed. Their defense was much improved over the one that helped them win the big game two seasons ago, their offense featured this year's MVP and the player who should have been MVP in the personages of Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk, respectively. For the past three years, St. Louis' high-scoring offense has been widely referred to as "The Greatest Show on Turf". But this Sunday, the show was pre-empted for a different program.

Now, I must tread carefully across what I am about to say, because I would hate to give this paper any further grief over a perceived anti-war bias. Maybe if the Patriots' victory hadn't come at the expense of my hometown Steelers, hailed for much of the season as the team to beat in the AFC, then maybe I'd just write a crappy piece about why Meadville sucks, or something along those lines. But my feelings have been hurt. Worse yet, I fear that my own government has hurt them.

You can't seriously tell me, in light of "recent national events," that it was only natural for the Patriots to come out of nowhere and beat the best teams in the NFL. Nor can you convince me that the possibility of a national conspiracy hasn't at least crossed your mind. The many Cleveland fans on this campus also feel that their team was cheated out of a playoff spot by the powers that be. And as for you Buffalo fans, all I can say is that I'm sorry, and that maybe someday you'll get that professional baseball team that you've always wanted. On this day, we must put aside these tri-state rivalries so that we might sit down and objectively consider the facts.

First of all, who is this Tom Brady character, and where did he come from? Widely credited as the spark that turned the Pats' season around from its dismal start, Brady came out of nowhere to stand in for Drew Bledsoe. What started as a cool story about an unlikely hero snowballed to the point where many have come to question Brady's legitimacy. As the superior strength of the U.S. military has suggested, it is not impossible to believe that Brady is actually some type of government-spawned super-quarterback, kind of like that girl from "Species" or that scary thing from "Predator."

So Brady got them to the playoffs, at which point the NFL officials took control. They knew the Patriots could never beat the freakishly old yet talented Jerry Rice and Tim Brown on their own, so they stole the game from the Raiders by virtue of an obscure and unpopular rule governing what a quarterback may and may not do with his arms. And this was supposed to be the land of the free.

Then there was the AFC championship in Pittsburgh, wherein our star running back, Jerome Bettis, was unable to shake off the rust from his long stint on the bench, giving the offense little else but a passing game that looked good on paper but ultimately failed to surpass the myriad challenges requested by the Patriots' coaching staff. Bettis missed the previous game because of an adverse reaction to some type of shot, (by this I mean injection, not tequila) and missed a chance to regain some of his form before the conference championship. Now that we believe that the anthrax attacks of this past fall may have come from a government lab, it's time we accept that Bettis' injection could also have originated there. To me, it makes a little too much sense.

And finally, let's consider the fact that the Patriots managed to shut down the Rams' speedy receiving corps in large part because, on several occasions, they used five, six, and sometimes even seven defensive backs. While I have no objection to five or six defensive backs when the standard four seems to be inadequate, but seven is too many. In none of the John Madden NFL Football games made by Electronic Arts is there anything resembling a seven-back set. And we all know that "if it's in the game, it's in the game." So in this instance, we can only conclude that the Patriots' defense flat-out cheated.

As I sit here writing this, I can see you all rolling your eyes at my wild conspiracy theories, wishing that I'd just get over it and accept that New England played better games against Oakland, Pittsburgh and St. Louis. You undoubtedly give little consideration to my concerns regarding the integrity of our national pastime. Say what you will about me, but try telling that to a Raiders fan in full Brian Deegan/Legion of Doom apparel, or to a 250-pound man with a Styrofoam school bus on his head and a broken Iron City bottle in his hand. And try telling it to Bret Favre, who apparently has yet to learn that, if you run a different play than the one you told to all your blockers in the huddle, there's a good chance that you might get sacked. When the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette passes off the Steelers' disappointing season with a front-page headline like "We're All Patriots," somebody has to stand up and take notice, and tell it like it is. And if that bothers anyone, please refer to the first 50-some words of the Bill of Rights. I'll be in my secure location, preparing for next season.

Why can't you have both? You probably can, but you need to make sure the rules are spoken and understood by all parties. Don't expect people to read your mind.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You are a wizard when it comes to working yourself out of so many tight spots. All the creative energy that is

bursting out of you has captured the attention of some of your fiercest detractors. But you don't need to worry about them. You should, instead, turn as much of your attention as possible to your biggest and most loyal fans. They're not only the ones who stood behind you when the chips were down, but

they're also the ones who will be most ready to celebrate your triumphs.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Be careful of what you do and how you do it. Don't dance into the middle of the barroom looking for a fight some-

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SPORTS

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Scott Vaulting His Way Through National Ranks

By ERIC WAGNER
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 26, when the track and field team departed for the NCAC Relays at Denison University, Jeremy Scott's absence was apparent. Perhaps it was his above average height (6'8"), or maybe his above average talent, but for whatever the reason, everyone seemed to have noticed that Jeremy Scott was not on the bus.

The reason he was not there, of course, was that he is simply too good. This was not merely a sports cliché; he really is too good. Scott, a pole vaulter here, competed at Bucknell University because Denison lacked the facilities to accommodate his abilities. The bar at Denison can only be raised to 17 feet, a height that Scott has cleared in the past, leaving no room for improvement.

When asked if he would be able to compete in the indoor NCAC championships, also held at

Denison, Scott said that another school is bringing in higher standards that will be there for the meet. For most athletes, having another school bring in equipment to accommodate them would seem extraordinary, but then again, some of Scott's recent feats have been more than extraordinary in the world of track and field.

At Bucknell, Scott cleared a height of 17'6", improving on the school and conference records that he has owned since arriving from Norfolk, Neb. as a first-year student. Amazingly, he has done this with a pole that is too short for a vaulter of his size, attempting heights over 17 feet. If one does not follow track and field, this arbitrary measurement may mean next to nothing, so perhaps his rankings will speak for themselves.

He is currently the number one Division III vaulter in the country, and he is ranked 7th in all divisions (the top six are all Division I athletes). That's not all, though. He is

currently ranked 23rd of all vaulters in the nation, and he is the 39th ranked vaulter in the world.

For another perspective, one could look at qualifying standards. Unlike most other athletes, he's not looking at the Division III national meet standards (which he has left in the dust), but the Olympic qualifying standards. He is a mere six inches from a trip to New York City for the national indoor track and field championships, and just nine inches from qualifying for the Olympic trials. "In 2000, 18'5" made it into the Olympics," said Scott. "When my new poles come in that might not be too far out of reach."

Scott's road to Meadville was a strange one. He wished to continue both his football and track careers after high school, and he was being recruited by the University of South Dakota. Blair Hrovat was an assistant at the school, and when he accepted the job as head football coach at Allegheny, Scott followed.

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RAISING THE BAR



ALL-AMERICAN VAULTER—Junior Jeremy Scott has risen to #1 in Division III pole vaulting. He is also in the top 50 worldwide.

—photo courtesy of Meighan Gast

Patriots' Day: Underdogs Shock Rams for First Title

By LOU KLEIN
Sports Editor

"We shocked the world." New England Patriots safety Lawyer Milloy was absolutely right. The Patriots surprised everyone, except themselves, by pulling off their second consecutive upset, knocking off the heavily-favored St. Louis Rams 20-17 in Super Bowl XXXVI. The New England defense sparked the Patriots to 17 points, and quarterback Tom Brady led the final drive of his 16-of-27 passing performance to earn Most Valuable Player honors. His heroics set up a 48-yard field goal from kicker Adam Vinatieri as time expired, and the Patriots kicker split the uprights to give New England its first Super Bowl crown.

New England (14-5) came into the game as a 14-point underdog, but they didn't buy into the Rams' hype of the "Greatest Show on Earth." The Patriots' opportunistic play forced the Rams (16-3) into three turnovers, while Brady and his teammates played a turnover-free game once more. Last week, New England forced Pittsburgh into four

turnovers in their 24-17-upset victory. Unlike the Pittsburgh win, however, it was the defense, not special teams, that were the catalysts for victory.

After Ram kicker Jeff Wilkins opened the scoring with a 50-yard field goal in the first quarter, the New England defense made their first impact of the day. Linebacker Mike Vrabel pressured St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner on a pass, and New England cornerback Ty Law swiped the pass out of the air and scrambled 47 yards for a touchdown. Vinatieri's extra point stretched the lead to 7-3 midway through the second quarter.

The Patriot defense, thought to be highly overmatched against St. Louis' top-ranked offense, held fast all day. Despite allowing 427 yards, Warner, the league's MVP, and running back Marshall Faulk never seemed to get into the rhythm and form they had shown throughout the season. Many have praised Patriot Head Coach Bill Belichick and Defensive Coordinator Romeo Crennel for a brilliant game plan. Milloy told ESPN.com, "Nothing

against Brady, but the MVP for us was Belichick, because we all knew he would come up with something to stump them." The Patriot secondary pummeled St. Louis' highly-touted receiving corps every time they crossed the middle, and Warner was hit as he had not been all season.

Late in the first half, receiver Ricky Proehl dared to cross that very middle. He was belted by cornerback Antwan Harris, forcing a fumble, and the Patriots were back in business in Rams' territory. With only 31 seconds to play in the first half, Brady connected with wide receiver David Patten on an eight-yard scoring pass. The play was seemingly identical to Patten's touchdown reception from backup quarterback Drew Bledsoe in the AFC Championship. It was Patten's only reception of the day, but it gave the Patriots a 14-3 lead going into the locker room.

The second half began the way the first half concluded. Cornerback Otis Smith intercepted Warner, taking the return deep into St. Louis territory once again. The Rams' defense held, but Vinatieri drove a 37-

yard field goal through the uprights to give New England a 17-3 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

The Patriot defense appeared to deliver the knockout blow early in the fourth quarter, as Warner fumbled at the goal line, allowing Patriot Tebucky Jones to scoop up the loose ball and dash 98 yards for an apparent touchdown. However, the play was called back because of a hold on Willie McGinest, giving the Rams new life. Two plays later, Warner scored on a quarterback sneak, cutting New England's lead to 17-10 with 9:31 to play, and seemed to get the Rams going for the first time all evening.

After several punts, the Rams got the ball back with 1:51 to play, with one final chance to send the game into overtime. It took the Rams only 21 seconds to finally break through

with a big play. Warner connected with Proehl on a 26-yard pass, and Wilkins' extra point tied the score, 17-17, and appeared to send the Super Bowl into overtime for the first time.

The only thing that stood between the Rams and overtime was Tom Brady. And when it mattered most, Brady came through. Starting at his own 17-yard line, Brady completed three consecutive passes to reserve running back J.R. Redmond to bring the Patriots out to their own 41. Then, with just over a half minute to play, Brady connected with receiver Troy Brown, who broke a tackle and made it to the Rams' 36-yard line. A short completion to tight end Jermaine Wiggins set the stage for Vinatieri's winning boot.

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Ambrose Leads Gators in Search for NCAA Crown

By REEVE WOOD
Staff Reporter

Red ringed driving range golf balls singe through the swirling snowy darkness, crashing through wintry chaos on a line-drive mission for the blackest depths of the frosted field. Senior Ed Ambrose stands on a piece of astroturf that looks out of place, its green artificial plushness contrasting heavily with the bitter world outside of the small hut in which it resides. There is a small heater in the hut, but it is ineffective against the strong winds from lake Erie and the January chill that crawls into every uninsulated corner.

Ambrose bends at the waist, picks up another striped ball from the legions waiting in a wire bucket and places it on the rubber tee. Feet, hands, shoulders squared. Keep the weight in the middle, compact upper body. Alright, pivot the hips to the right, keep the driver in line, a smooth arc. Twist around the center. His body coils itself, the club rising

behind him. When this motion reaches its extremity there is what feels like a tiny pause, like you'd experience at the top of a rollercoaster when the forces making you go up and the forces trying to bring you back down have found a brief balance.....and then the club starts to retrace its path back down towards the ball, gaining speed in an elegant violence until the club head is in the air again, resting over his left shoulder. The absence of the ball is the only real sign that any force has been visited upon it.

Ambrose doesn't even look at the ball, he can feel where it's gone: long and straight. He tugs the top of his turtleneck into position just below his chin and slowly, unsmiling, bends down to ready another ball.

Ambrose, a co-captain of the Allegheny golf team, sits atop his bed like a man on a raft in shark-infested waters. In this case, sharks might be preferable. His room — the dusty walls draped with Irish flags and Celtic weavings, pho-

tographs of drunken revelry, and a few tasteful posters — is a wash in mostly-empty beer bottles, crumpled McKinley's cups, books (Rousseau, Hesse, Dostoevsky), papers, cigarette ash and dirty clothes.

Peeking out from under a pile of clothes on the floor and still wearing a dimpled white Styrofoam wrapper is a plaque honoring Ambrose's selection as an Academic All-American for the 2001 season. He was formally presented with the award at halftime of this year's Homecoming football game, a process that Ambrose found unnecessary and embarrassing. "I don't play golf for that s---," he says, his face revealing a heartfelt frustration at even having to talk about the honor. "The only good thing that came out of that was that my dad came up for it, and he was so proud, didn't stop smiling the whole time. Other than that, I don't care about it at all." His tone is certainly genuine, there's no hint of sound bite modesty, only annoyance. "I play golf because it is

a never-ending challenge. I know that I can never be perfect at it, but there's always a little taste of perfection when you hit a ball well, or improve on some aspect of the game. Of course the flip side of that is that it can all fall apart too, one minute you can play like a pro, the next you're dog s---," he said. Yet, one gets the feeling that this is only partially true for Ed, a sort of half-truth defense of an extremely intimate and complicated relationship between himself and the game of golf.

People meeting Ambrose in a social situation are rarely left feeling ignored. He is extremely laid back, an intent listener with a quick and willing laugh, and he possesses the ability to make a person that doesn't know him very well spill their guts to him very quickly. It's this part of his personality that makes golf, a game that requires so much internal fortitude, concentration, and mental organization, extremely challenging for him. He is often torn between his extroverted tendencies and the pri-

vate deliberateness that golf requires. "Especially being a senior, a co-captain, and after losing Coach Creehan, there's a whole bunch of responsibility that comes with playing, and I've never pictured myself as a particularly responsible or organized person. I've always been fairly laid back, but I'm getting excited for this season and I hope that I can do a good job with the situation that I'm being handed here," he said. Ambrose will have his hands full as he and senior co-captain David Whitaker attempt to lead a young Allegheny golf team to a repeat of their first-place NCAC finish in 2001, and better their eighth-place showing in the NCAA tournament.

An unfinished comp and the normal social temptations that face second-semester seniors will provide additional distractions, but when the chaos in his life begin to rage around him like a January snowstorm, he knows that he can always go to his haven, his own private world where he is the sole dictator of his destiny.

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The victory completed one of the most remarkable playoff rides the league has seen. In all three of their playoff games, the Patriots seemed to be doomed. They trailed Oakland 13-3 at snowy Foxboro in the fourth quarter of the AFC Divisional Playoff, only to rally for 10 late

points in regulation, followed by a Vinatieri field goal in overtime to advance to Pittsburgh. In the third quarter in Pittsburgh, the Steelers scored 14 points in under four minutes to turn a comfortable 21-3 New England into a 21-17 nailbiter. However, the Patriot defense forced

two late interceptions from Steeler quarterback Kordell Stewart. Then, in the Super Bowl, just when it appeared the Rams had finally gotten their game on track, Brady marched his team on a dramatic drive to victory.

The team that no one believed in

now finds themselves as the best in the world, to the amazement of many. Brady said it all in a conversation with ESPN.com. "We're an underdog team, but now we're the top dog."

Notes: The game featured a patriotic theme in honor of the victims of

Sept. 11. Former Presidents Ford, Carter, Bush and Clinton were featured in a pre-game tribute, and U2 provided a stirring halftime performance. Their show featured a crawling banner listing those killed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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LAST WEEK IN SPORTS

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Saturday 2/2

Men's Basketball — at Wittenberg 86, Allegheny 61

Women's Basketball — at Allegheny 78, Wittenberg 69

Men's Track — 3rd of 10 at Mount Union Invitational

Women's Track — 1st of 10 at Mount Union Invitational

Monday 2/4

Men's Basketball — at Allegheny 77, Alfred 68

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday 2/8

Men's and Women's Track — at Baldwin-Wallace 5:45

Saturday 2/9

Men's Basketball — vs. Kenyon 7:00

Women's Basketball — vs. Denison 1:00

Wednesday 2/13

Men's Basketball — at Oberlin 8:00

Women's Basketball — at Hiram 7:30

Men's and Women's Swimming — at NCAC Championships in Canton, Ohio

• The NBA All-Star game is scheduled for this Sunday, and one wonders just how many people care. The highly publicized event includes an all-rookie game, a 2ball competition, a three-point shootout and a dunk contest. The latter of the four used to be the most entertaining, when Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins were in their prime, but Vince Carter, the league's most entertaining dunker today, will not be participating. The game itself usually just turns into an every man for themselves shot slinging event where Allen Iverson has the opportunity to put up 50 shots instead of his average 25. Sounds like fun to us.

• Speaking of boring All-Star games, the NFL Pro Bowl will be taking place this Saturday. The Pro Bowl is simply a vacation for many of the league's finest players. In fact, it is significant to note that many are getting bonuses for just showing up. In the past couple of days some big names (Isaac Bruce of the Rams for one) have dropped out of the game only to be replaced by others (Saints' receiver Joe Horn) who have dropped out as well. We're guessing Hawaii isn't their number choice for an off-season trip.

• Now that it's the middle of February, the braintrust (and we use that term loosely) of baseball has finally decided that they won't contract two teams for this season. For a change, Commissioner Bud Selig has come to his better senses by realizing that disbanding two teams, conducting a dispersal draft, and re-assigning employees can't be done before Spring Training begins next week. Selig did want to make it known that the league intends to contract two (or possibly four) teams before 2003. Between baseball's intent of contraction and the daily legal update of the Mike Tyson-Lennox Lewis fight, it's time to get back on the field, and out of the courtroom.

In Our Eyes

Lou Klein and Jason Stronz

• Congratulations to the International Olympic Committee for permitting the flag from Ground Zero to be carried and raised as the official flag at the Salt Lake Olympics. Tomorrow night's opening ceremonies will feature the tattered flag carried in by a separate contingent of American athletes. In our opinion, the decision was an easy one. The flag has been proudly displayed at the World Series and Super Bowl, so why can't it be displayed on the world's largest stage?

• Since losing to Florida State on Jan. 6, the Duke Blue Devils have torn apart the ACC and recaptured the number one spot in all national polls. Jason Williams is by far the most dominant player in college basketball and teammate Mike Dunleavy is not far behind. The Blue Devils are now 20-1 with three players (Williams, Dunleavy and Carlos Boozer) averaging over 17 points per game. The trio of super juniors will avenge their only loss of the season tonight against the Seminoles at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

• The Pirates signed the suddenly well-traveled Pokey Reese this week, hoping that the second baseman will fill the abysmal hole at the position. Pat Meares, Warren Morris and Abraham Nunez all struggled mightily last season. Mike Benjamin has also been slow to recover from elbow surgery, leaving the Pirates in dire need of a solid veteran. While Reese struggled at the plate in 2001, his 1999 and 2000 Gold Glove seasons are exactly what the Bucco defense needs up the middle. Reese and second-year shortstop Jack Wilson should be one of the top defensive combinations in the National League. For Pirate fans, any sentence that includes them and the top of the league is more than welcomed. Trust us.

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Gators Gear up for Late Charge

By JASON STRONZ
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's basketball team were awakened by a 86-61 drubbing at Wittenberg on Saturday and battled Alfred State for 35 minutes before pulling away in the final five minutes for a 77-68 non-conference win. The win pulled the Gators (10-10, 5-7 NCAC) back to .500 on the season.

In the showdown with the Tigers, Allegheny played an intense game but were thwarted by hot three-point shooting from the Wittenberg bench. The Gators, who never had a lead in the game, held the Tigers in check for the first 11:30 of the opening half. A three-pointer for junior Ryan Meerstein closed the Tiger lead to three at 24-21.

Over the next five minutes, Wittenberg went on a 14-0 run that was capped by a thunderous B.J. Harris dunk. Harris, a junior, led the Tigers with five points during the stretch and fellow junior Peter Walker chipped in four. Allegheny Head Coach Phil Ness called a timeout to try to contain the sudden surge. After the timeout the Gators played Wittenberg even, with each team scoring nine points, and the half ended with the score 45-32. Sophomore Billy Dungee led the Gators into the locker room with 10 points.

In the locker room at the half, Ness said to his players, "We looked a lot better than in the last two games. We are on the right track. Let's fire it up." The inspirational

talk seemed to strike the Gators as they chipped away at the Tiger lead, pulling as close as seven, 47-40, with 14:23 remaining. First-year Andy Bucheit took over from there.

Bucheit, a reserve for Wittenberg, hit two of his four three-pointers on back to back possessions and extended the Tiger lead to 12, 54-42. The quick scores set the tempo for the rest of the game.

"Bucheit really found his rhythm," Ness said. "Both of his scores came off only one pass. That can be tough to defend especially with the power they also have on the inside."

With 5:26 left in the game, Wittenberg extended their lead to 20 and controlled the Gators on the other end of the floor. A monster dunk from junior Kevin Longley put the Tigers up 27, the games largest margin, and dashed all hopes of an Allegheny comeback.

Dungee led the Gators with 12 points and fellow sophomore Eric Johnson added eight and a team-high nine rebounds. Harris led Wittenberg with 17 points and 12 rebounds in the win. Bucheit, who shot 4-of-5 from behind the arc, added 14. Matt Magnusen, a sophomore, added 10 points in the loss.

"I was much happier with the level of intensity," Ness said. "We just need to pay attention to details and use the necessary communication skills on the court a little more wisely."

On Monday, the Gators prevailed in a 77-68 battle against non-confer-

ence foe Alfred State, avenging the weekend's loss. The Gators held Alfred to 20 percent shooting from three-point land and a staggering 42.1 percent from the field.

The teams battled back and forth for the opening 12 and a half minutes before a layup by Meerstein and a free throw from junior co-captain Nick Catanzarite put the Gators up eight, 26-18. The Saxons would cut the lead to three, but another Allegheny run extended the lead to seven at the end of the first half.

"This team shoots a lot of threes," Ness said. "They could have been a real threat if they made some of them."

Alfred, who shot 30 three-pointers on the night, went 3-of-16 in the first half and 3-of-14 in the second, but were still able to hang around. In fact, they had to cut Allegheny's lead to five in late in the second half, but senior Devon Downing missed the second of two free throws and a jumper after an offensive rebound. At the other end of the floor Magnusen converted a lay up off a Damon Clayton assist. The Saxons got no closer than six for the rest of the game.

Catanzarite led the Gators with 23 points and Meerstein added 13 and five rebounds. Clayton, a senior, finished with 12 and five respectively. Downing paced Alfred with a game-high 25 points. Magnusen contributed with 10 in the win.

Notes: The Gators lost tonight to the Fighting Scots of Wooster 88-66. Catanzarite led Allegheny with 24 points in the loss.

SCOTT from page 13

Since getting second place in the Division III National Championships in both his first and sophomore years, Scott has devoted an even greater deal of his time to the event in which he has excelled. Knowing that his form and technique were already very good, Scott began to concentrate more on improving his speed and strength, hoping to improve his explosiveness. He works a great deal on his sprinting techniques, and has been very devoted to a lifting program. On Wednesdays, he and the rest of the vaulters practice full jumps after hours in the Wise Center. "The reasoning behind vaulting just once a week is to avoid the bad habits that could develop by vaulting when we're tired," said Scott.

Allegheny track and field coach Bill Ross has seen other changes in Scott as well. "When he came here as a first-year, I think he had some different expectations about the practice and coaching situation. Now, he's more comfortable and more goal-oriented. He's gotten to the point where he is very self-motivated."

To start the 2002 season, Allegheny also hired a coach who specializes in the pole vault, David Keck. "Coach Keck has an understanding of the event that allows him to see the little things that Jeremy wants him to look for," said Ross. "Jeremy enjoys the role of coach as well, though, because when you're teaching, you're also learning."

Team Captain Darrel Voll has seen Scott's improvement as well. "When he was a first-year, he was very timid. Since then, he's opened up more, and he's also gone to some vaulting training facilities over the sum-

mers. All of that has helped him improve greatly," he said.

The loftiest goals placed on Scott are indeed the ones he has made for himself. The season is only two weeks old, and he has already had to update his target heights because he's cleared them. That does not mean, however, that he will become complacent. He is working hard to reach 18 feet, and he feels that when his new poles arrive, he'll be able to accomplish that feat. He also has his sights set squarely on the Division III national crown, and would love another chance at Hans Schmidt of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, last year's national champion, whose picture hangs on Scott's wall.

"He's there for motivation," says Scott. "One of my goals is just to beat him."

Scott may get his first chance at the indoor championships in March, having already passed the minimum qualifying height.

When the track and field team departed for Mount Union College this past Saturday, where they finished third, Scott was not there again. He headed for Ohio Northern University, amazingly enough, because the ceiling at Mount Union was too low.

His list of accomplishments already dwarfs that of most of the athletes in the history of the College, and he knows that he must continue to improve to reach his goals. With any luck, he'll find himself in the national championships in May. All in all, it's been going pretty well of late for Jeremy Scott; now if he could just find a place to vault with the rest of his teammates.

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Instead, you need to be aware of what you're feeling and why you're feeling it. If you have to hash something out with someone who has potential to be your best friend or your worst enemy, make sure you do it under the right circumstances. You certainly don't want to bring other people into the fray, and you certainly don't need to tarnish your reputation by fighting over table scraps

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept. 22): Perhaps you need to direct your attention toward something that is domestic and comforting. If you concentrate on making your home space comfortable and welcoming, there will hardly be any reason to go out looking for anything or anybody. Your natural warmth and vivaciousness is really all you need to keep the right person -- or the right group of people -- engaged, interested and feeling good. A good atmosphere will only amplify your most alluring attributes.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): You seem to be aching for some kind of new element or direction to be introduced to your life. Either a certain stranger or an odd face of someone you've known for eons has gotten hold of your curiosity. You have never seen anything quite like what you're looking at, and you aren't sure if you really want this to continue. Either you can duck and run, or stick around and let yourself be introduced to wild new horizons. The decision is really up to you and what you're willing to put your time

into right now.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Perhaps it's time for you to sit down and begin untangling some very intricate knots. Once you see a little progress in this area, then you can make your needs known. Nobody -- and nothing, for that matter -- can provide the answer until the question is revealed. You can ask for the impossible, but that really won't get you anywhere until you narrow your question and make your request in a way that is both affable and reasonable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): To make yourself understand that you're part of something much larger than you can comprehend, you need a profound experience of charity. You need to be there for someone to lean on, and you need to be ready to give. Even if you have the urge to bug out when the going gets tough, you need to prove the strength of your resolve, especially when it comes to those in your life who are ready, willing and able to celebrate your singularity. Once you do, life in general will become easier.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you're feeling rattled and a little taken aback by certain recent turns of events, you can thank your lucky stars. Believe it or not, turbulence in your emotional life is to be expected, and you can turn lemons into lemonade by allowing the experience to turn you into a more aware and responsive person. Make sure that you keep even the most

traumatic lessons as very special gifts. They will make you more sensitive to the plight of those around you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): One of your great gifts is that you can come through in a pinch. But perhaps you need to rethink exactly how effective your supportive actions have been over the last few months. If you cannot extend the hand of friendship, you aren't going to be much of a friend, sibling or lover. Be sure to ask what they need, and not just what you're willing to give. And make extra sure that you're aware of the different aspects of the other person's plight. Once you are, the next step will be obvious.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20): Are you being a bit unreasonable when it comes to stuff over which nobody has any real control? While you may be in position to see the whole picture, you may only be taking into account a little more than half of it. Ask the pertinent questions, and take the necessary measurements. Before you criticize someone for sleeping late or being lazy, take into account everything they did the day or the week before. Do the math before you lower the boom if you want to avoid a big mistake.

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Silas!

Hmmm, where will Ricki tumble to this weekend?

I am no stranger to sarcasm.

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Sat., Sun., 2:05, 4:20

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language professors on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The show features Assistant Professors of Spanish Barbara Reis and Clara Castro-Ponce, as well as Assistant Professor of French Sandra Dinki. The trio said they are extremely excited about the show, which will center on "globalized" sounds, combining Latino music, such as salsa, with a mix of European music. This show will also feature interviews and culture segments related to foreign languages, according to Castro-Ponce, who formerly hosted a radio show in Boston, Mass.

According to Music Director Kim Rehak, WARC designated a specialty time slot for faculty because "there seemed to be a lot of interest, especially with the new arrivals of professors." She also added that there was once a time slot specified for organizations on campus, but it fell through about four years ago, so the station wanted to give this time slot a try.

Professors, however, aren't the only non-students on the WARC lineup. Friday's 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. slot will be hosted by Assistant Director of Admissions Jason

Andracki and Admissions Counselor Erin Lukehart '00. Andracki started at the station in fall 2000, and will be joined this semester by Lukehart, who said she is very excited to get back on the air after hosting a show as a student in 1999. This show is a rotation show focusing on independent (indie) rock. Andracki said he enjoys the show because it gives him a chance to find out about new music that's not played on mainstream radio stations.

Overall, Nessel said it's exciting to see others DJs get on the air, which in turn helps the station by filling up time slots. Nessel added that he enjoys playing musicians who have record deals with smaller labels on the air.

Nessel once hosted a "Writer's Gallery" radio show at the University of California Santa Barbara, but he said at Allegheny he wanted to do show that encompasses his passion for gothic rock. He recently finished a novel about gothic rock entitled Ethan Flood, and also writes reviews for gothic magazines.